

Application No. 10/713,639

REMARKS

The above-identified patent application has been reviewed in light of the Final Office Action dated April 28, 2005, and the Advisory Action dated July 6, 2005. Claim 17 is amended and claims 19 and 36-50 are cancelled, without intending to abandon or to dedicate to the public any patentable subject matter. Claims 53-63 are new. Claims 1-18, 20-35 and 53-63 are now pending. As set out more fully below, reconsideration and withdrawal of objections to and the rejections of the claims are respectfully requested.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the Reply filed on June 28, 2005 overcame the rejections of Claims 19 and 33-35. However, Claim 19 was objected to, as it was presented in dependent form. In the amendment set forth above, Claim 19 has been incorporated into Claim 17. Accordingly, it is submitted that Claim 17, and Claims 18, 20-25, and 27-32, which depend from Claim 17, are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-16, 26 and 33-35 are allowed. The amendments to Claim 33 presented in the Amendment After Final filed on June 28, 2005, placing Claims 33-35 in condition for allowance, is not altered by the present paper.

New Claims 53-63 depend from Claim 26, and therefore are allowable for at least the same reasons that Claim 26 is allowable. Furthermore, Claims 53-63 do not add new matter to the application. Accordingly, allowance of Claims 53-63 is respectfully requested.

The application now appearing to be in form for allowance, early notification of same is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if doing so would expedite the resolution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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